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Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund Annual Report

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Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund
2012 Annual Report

The Veterans Program Trust Fund was established as part of the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Bonus Act on December 23, 1988 under Kentucky Revised Statute Chapter 40.460. This report provides a list of the present members of the Board of Directors.

During this reporting period, the Trust Fund expended/obligated funds for nine worthy projects that will benefit Kentucky's veteran population. This report outlines the details concerning each of the Trust Fund expenditures for FY 2012.

Funding sources include dollars generated by taxpayers who are entitled to an income tax refund who may contribute all or a portion of that refund to the Trust Fund through the tax check-off on their state income tax form. The Trust Fund also receives a \$5.00 fee that is included in the price of an initial or renewal Veterans License Plate. The Trust Fund gladly accepts tax-deductible contributions from individuals, groups or corporations. This report outlines the amounts received from each of these sources.

The Trust Fund began the year with a balance of **\$665,546.57**

Expenditures during the year totaled **\$623,889.28**. The fiscal year ended with a fund balance, less obligations, of **\$523,129.33** as shown in the financial report on page 6. Details concerning the projects are included in the use of funds section beginning on page 8.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Ken Lucas".

Kenneth R. Lucas Commissioner, KDVA
Chairman, Ky Veterans Program Trust Fund

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Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund

History and Operation

The Kentucky General Assembly established the Veterans Program Trust Fund (VPTF) as part of the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Bonus Act on December 23, 1988. The purpose of the VPTF is to direct funding to projects and programs that help Kentucky's veterans but that are not funded by the state General Fund.

The VPTF is overseen by a Board of Directors whose members are appointed by the Governor. The list of members with their affiliations is on page 5. The VPTF Board of Directors meets several times a year on an *ad-hoc* basis as it receives requests for funding.

The VPTF has received a steady, moderate, income from a \$5.00 fee that is included in the initial purchase price and renewal of Veterans License Plates.

The VPTF is also a legal recipient of tax-deductible contributions from individuals, companies and organizations. Such contributions may be made through the VPTF check-off box on the Kentucky Income Tax form, or directly to the VPTF through personal checks to the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. The Help a Veteran Everyday (H.A.V. E.) Program encourages citizens to contribute directly to the Veterans Program Trust Fund at any county clerk office. In Fiscal Year 2010, KDVA started hosting an on-line donation page for the VPTF, allowing individuals to make secure donations by credit card or bank withdrawal.

Kentucky's Veterans Service Organizations have contributed generously to the VPTF since its creation and continue to do so.

Donors may also specify that their contribution go to one of several specific programs/facilities KDVA operates for the benefit of veterans:

- Homeless Veterans Trust Fund
- Women Veterans Programs
- Benefits/Field Operations
- Thomson-Hood Veterans Center (Wilmore)
- Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center (Hazard)
- Western Kentucky Veterans Center (Hanson)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West (Hopkinsville)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central (Fort Knox)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North (Williamstown)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North East (Greenup)

Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Program Trust Fund Board Members

(as of June 30, 2012)

POSITION	NAME	Organization	Term Expires
Chairman	Kenneth R. Lucas	Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs	201 KAR 37:010 Section 3 (1)(a)
Vice Chair	Margaret Plattner	Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs	201 KAR 37:010 Section 3 (1)(a)
Member	Mr. Carlos Pugh	Joint Executive Committee of Veterans Organizations	EO 2011 – 676 07/15/2011—7/15/2014
Member	Ms. Micki King	Governor's Advisory Board	EO 2011 – 676 07/15/2011—7/15/2014
Member	Mr. Ted Austin	American Legion	EO 2010 - 618 8/16/2010 – 07/15/2013
Member	Mr. Don Dixon	Veterans of Foreign Wars	EO 2011 – 676 07/15/2011—7/15/2014
Member	Ms. Lori Grizzle	AMVETS	EO 2010 – 618 7/16/2010 – 07/15/2013
Member	Mr. Bobby Hazen	Disabled American Veterans	EO 2010 – 618 7/16/2010 – 07/15/2013
Member	Ms. Julie S. Norman	At-Large	EO 2011 – 676 07/15/2011—7/15/2014
Member	Mr. Anthony Dotson	At-Large	EO 2011 – 676 08/25/2011—7/15/2014
Member	Ms. Pam Luce	At-Large	EO 2010 – 618 7/16/2010 – 07/15/2013

Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund**Summary Fund Activity Report - Fiscal Year 2012 (July 2011 - June 2012)**

Fund Balance, Beginning of FY12	FY 2012 YTD
Carryforward	\$ 665,546.57
Receipts:	
License Plate Fees (R404)	372,077.15
Tax Check-off (R809)	45,603.00
HAVE Donations - checks sent to F'fort (R802)	1,147.59
Miscellaneous Donations (R801 & R802)	5,427.04
KECC Donations	6,429.97
Redeposit of Funds	50,000.00
Interest Income (R771)	787.29
Total Receipts:	481,472.04
TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS	\$ 1,147,018.61
Expenditures:	
Memorial for Tuskegee Airmen	7,500.00
AMVETS Carillon	7,531.21
VFW 5739 - Calvert City	25,044.00
Refunds - license plates for disabled veterans	15.00
Business & Education Network - Hiring Our Heroes Career Fair	12,500.00
DMA - Kentucky National Guard - Memorial Donation	100,000.00
SEKRI - Van to transport veterans	35,140.00
VFW - Battle of the Bulge Monument Fund	2,500.00
Nelson County High School - NYC Veterans Day Parade	10,000.00
City of Madisonville - Veterans Freedom Memorial	10,000.00
Jaba, Ltd - eVET Assist Annual Maintenance	6,000.00
Homeless Veterans Trust Fund	60,000.00
Broda Enterprises USA Inc - Tilt Recliners and rehab beds	35,456.68
Med-Mizer, Inc - pivot rehab beds - EKVC	8,252.00
APA Auditors Office - FY2011 VPTF Audit	5,472.50
Univ of Louisville -Entrepreneurship Program	50,000.00
Disabled American Vets (2 Vans)	27,000.00
Pennyroyal Center - Homeless Veterans Program	78,704.00
John Manire Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution - Monument	8,000.00
Eastern Kentucky University - Therapeutic Writing Workshop	18,650.00
University of Louisville - Hiring our Heroes Career Fair	13,750.00
NASWC - training/conference fees- Womens Veterans Coordinators	150.00
Dell Computer Corp- laptops and desktop computers	7,063.80
KDVA Burial Honors Program	35,000.00
Hardin County Veterans Tribute	50,000.00
Wayside Christian Mission (Womens Veterans Program)	300.00
MPC Promotions (Magnets - Womens Veterans Program)	192.50
THVC (Medal of Honor Reception)	259.60
Alan Hyman Enterprises, Inc. - Printing Magnets	4,399.00
Walgreens - Photos for Medal of Honor Reception	8.99
Greenup County War Memorial	5,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDED	\$ 623,889.28
Fund Balance (Cash on Hand)	\$ 523,129.33

Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund—Cemeteries Fund
Summary Fund Activity Report - Fiscal Year 2012 (July 2011 - June 2012)

State Veterans Cemeteries Fund (637R)

Fund Balance, Beginning of FY12	FY 2012 YTD
Carryforward	\$ 73,027.95
Additional Donations	24,856.42
Other Adjustments	-
Interest	52.09
TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS	97,936.46
Expenditures	\$ 34,497.72
Ending Balance	\$ 63,438.74
Balance (Veterans Trust Fund + Cemeteries Fund)	\$ 489,139.25

Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund

Highlights for FY 2012 (7/1/11 - 6/30/12)

As of July 1, 2011, the beginning of the fiscal year, the Trust Fund had **665,546.57** . Since that date the Trust Fund board members approved the following expenditures:

- 1. Begin operating the Pennyroyal Regional Veterans Center for homeless veterans in Hopkinsville - \$99,000**
- 2. Support for Homeless Veterans Program - \$60,000**
- 3. Launch Veteran Entrepreneur program at the University of Louisville - \$50,000**
- 4. Purchase dental equipment, wheelchairs and pivot beds for veterans nursing homes - \$56,000**
- 5. Purchase two vans for the Disabled American Veterans to transport veterans to and from medical appointments - \$27,000**
- 6. Support the Burial Honors Program - \$35,000**
- 7. Print pocket veterans benefits books and purchase indentifying banners for field representatives - \$15,000**
- 8. Erect monument to Kentucky Revolutionary War soldiers at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West.**

Find more items beginning on Page 13.

Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund Accomplishments

The Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund (KVPTF) supports veteran-related programs for which there are no appropriated funds.

Examples of how Veterans Program Trust Fund money has been used include:

- Funding the Pennyroyal Veterans Center for homeless veterans in Western Kentucky.
- Funding Honor Flights taking World War II veterans to Washington, D.C.
- Purchase of vans to transport disabled veterans to VA healthcare facilities
- Purchase of land for a state veterans cemetery
- Installing an eternal flame atop the 101st Airborne Division Memorial at Fort Campbell
- Paying the cost of first year operation of the Homeless Veteran Transition Facility



Job Fairs for Veterans

In accordance with initiatives from both the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and Governor Steve Beshear to help veterans find good jobs, the Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund Board awarded grants to launch Veteran Job Fairs in Lexington and Louisville.

Both events were successful, drawing dozens of currently hiring employers and more than 100 local veterans.

Over the past year, veteran unemployment has fallen, but national and state initiatives continue.

Please visit the KDVA website www.veterans.ky.gov/employment for more information.



HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAM

In April 2012, KDVA celebrated the sixth anniversary of its Homeless Veterans Transition Facility at the Leestown Campus of the Lexington VA Medical Center, created in partnership with Volunteers of America.



As of June 30, 2012, the Leestown program had graduated 173 (38 in FY12) veterans who were homeless and with drug problems, helping them become drug and alcohol free, and obtain stable housing and steady employment. FY 2012 offered continued success as 136 veterans received services at the 40 bed capacity. In October 2011, St. James Place apartments in Lexington celebrated the fifth year of operation with all 38 efficiency apartment units for homeless veterans fully occupied. These units receive support from the USDVA Homeless Veterans Grant & Per Diem Program. Because each unit is complete with kitchen and private bath, males and females will use this facility. Lexington also served 30 male veterans at the Hope Center facility which is part of a larger program for the homeless. In addition, the Hope Center added five beds for female veterans on their women's campus.

Interlink Counseling Services of Louisville also serves the needs of homeless veterans, filling virtually every bed of the 90-bed mission. Interlink also operates the Landing Zone, allowing up to ten homeless veterans to be taken off the street without waiting if an emergency (extreme weather, for example) warrants this.

St. Vincent DePaul in Louisville provides 20 beds as part of a grant and per diem program. Wayside Christian Mission provides transitional housing for up to 10 men, four women, and two families. These family units, unique in the Commonwealth, allow the veteran to bring a spouse and children into the unit. In June 2012, the Salvation Army provided housing for 27 male veterans by renovating the old Male High School building on Brooks Street.



Homeless Veterans Transition Program graduate David Holland, with his Bachelor's Degree from WKU.

In addition to room and board, all of these facilities offer the following:

- Drug and alcohol abuse counseling
- Education referrals
- Employment and job training referrals
- Assistance with permanent housing.

In 2012, the Pennyroyal Center in Hopkinsville opened a new, 50-bed facility for homeless veterans (male), the first of its kind in western Kentucky. The Trust Fund provided a substantial grant to guarantee the success of the Center, made to supplement the primary funding coming from the USDVA grant and per diem program.

Information and referral programs for homeless veterans are called "stand downs." During this fiscal year four stand downs were held. These were held state-wide in the cities of Bowling Green, Covington, Lexington, and Louisville. With Trust Fund grants to the Homeless Veterans Program, and the coordination of efforts by KDVA, USDVA hospitals, the Kentucky Housing Corporation, and other social and health service providers, these stand downs will help alleviate the already 800-1200 homeless veterans sleeping on the streets of our Commonwealth every night.

Some 10,000 veterans face the very real possibility of losing homes and becoming homeless. These programs are critical in solving the problem.

HOMELESS VETERANS TRUST FUND

The Homeless Veterans Trust Fund (HVTF) seeks to prevent homelessness among veterans and help homeless veterans return to permanent housing quickly. It provides small, one-time cash grants for rent deposits, utility payments and other housing-related expenses.

The HVTF represents a beacon of hope to veterans who otherwise would slip into or remain in a state of homelessness.

FY 12 Milestones

Total Assistance Granted: **92,756.96**

Veterans Assisted: **319**

Family Members Assisted: **112**

Average Amt of Assistance: **\$260**

176 Veterans received rental assistance

168 Veterans received utility assistance

Two homeless veteran events sponsored



*Homeless Veterans Transition Program
2007 graduate Bobby Downs.*

Homeless Veterans Trust Fund Fiscal Year 2012

Beginning Balance 7/1/2011	\$ 17,763.10
Revenue	
Donations	\$ 28,127.83
From Veterans Program Trust Fund	\$ 60,000.00
Interest	\$ 44.17
Total Revenue	\$ 88,172.00
 Total Assistance Granted	 \$ 92,756.96
Year End Cash Balance	\$ 13,178.14

Veterans Program Trust Fund Board of Directors September 23, 2011 Meeting Minutes Excerpts

The following requests for funds were presented:

1. Request from the American Legion and the Lexington VA Vocational Rehab Unit for **\$35,400** to purchase a van to transport veterans to and from voc/rehab workplace. approved.
2. Request from Homeless Veterans Coordinator Pat McKiernan **\$60,000** to fund the Homeless Veterans Trust Fund. Approved.
3. Request from Veterans Freedom Memorial Committee/City of Madisonville for **\$25,000** to build a veterans memorial. Approved.
4. Request from Office of Kentucky Veterans Centers for **\$26,857.74** to purchase eleven Broda chairs and two pivot rehab beds for Thomson-Hood Veterans Center and Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center. Approved **\$36,063.36**.
(Amount changed due to discrepancy in number of chairs to be ordered.)
5. Request from KDVA Field Operations for **\$15,000** to print 10,000 pocket benefits booklets for veterans and purchase identifying banners for KDVA staff at public events. Approved.
6. Request from the Business and Education Network for **\$10,000** to offset the cost of a job fair for veterans. Approved.
7. Request of **\$10,000** to assist Nelson High School band to participate in a special tribute to the victims of 9/11 in New York City. The band was the only Kentucky band selected by a special national committee of judges. Approved.
8. Request from the Battle of the Bulge Committee for **\$5,000** to build a Battle of the Bulge Memorial in Greenup County. Approved **\$2,500**.

Veterans Program Trust Fund Board of Directors December 16, 2011 Meeting Minutes Excerpts

The following requests for funds were presented:

1. Request from Pennyroyal Center for **\$99,759** to construct the Pennyroyal Regional Veterans Center for homeless veterans in Hopkinsville. Approved.
2. Request from University of Louisville for **\$50,000** to launch a veterans entrepreneurship program. Approved.
3. Request from OKVC for **\$19,555** to purchase dental equipment for THVC and Broda chairs for WKVC. Approved.
4. Request from DAV for **\$27,000** to purchase two vans to transport veterans to and from VAMC Louisville and VAMC Lexington. Approved.
5. Request from KDVA Women Veterans Program for **\$7,500** to fund various programs. Approved.
6. Request from Department of Military Affairs for **\$10,000** for a historical marker at site of massacre of Kentucky soldiers during the War of 1812 in Perrysburg, OH. Approved.
7. Request from KDVA for **\$1,500** to host reception for Medal of Honor recipients at Medal of Honor Plaque unveiling. Approved.

Veterans Program Trust Fund Board of Directors

March 16, 2012 Meeting Minutes Excerpts

The following requests for funds were presented:

1. Request from Sons of the American Revolution for **\$8,000** to build a monument to Revolutionary War soldiers at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West. Approved.
2. Request from the University of Louisville for **\$13,750** to offset the costs of a veterans job fair in Louisville. Approved.
3. Request from Eastern Kentucky University for **\$18,650** to fund the Military Experience and the Arts Symposium. Approved.
4. Request from KDVA for **\$7,100** to purchase computers compatible with new VA system. Approved.
5. Request from KDVA for **\$35,000** to support the Burial Honors Program. Approved.



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